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SUBJ: LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN SICILY

1. IN SEPTEMBER 7 CONVERSATION, CARABINIERI COLONEL COMMANDING WESTERN SICILY INFORMED US OF SUSPECTED "NEW WAVE" OF LIBYAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING REAL ESTATE ON PANTELLERIA. COLONEL HAS SENT ONE OF HIS OFFICERS TO THE ISLAND TO EXPLORE THESE REPORTED ACTIVITIES. COLONEL ALSO SAID LIBYANS HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN BUYING FISHING FLEET BASED AT MAZARA DEL VALLO. COLONEL SAID LIBYANS' OBJECTIVES WERE DIFFICULT TO DISCERN, AND MAY REPRESENT NOTHING MORE THAN INTEREST IN PROFITABLE COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, THEIR ACTIVITIES BEAR CAREFUL WATCHING. COLONEL RECOGNIZED THAT ASSIGNMENT OF CAREER LIBYAN CONSULAR OFFICER TO PALERMO WAS DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY ON BASIS OF TRADE OR OTHER SICILIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS, BUT DESCRIBED LIBYAN CONSUL GENERAL SHENNIB AS BRIGHT AND EFFECTIVE. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT CONSUL GENERAL'S BROTHER, A FORMER OFFICER IN THE LIBYAN ARMY, HAS BEEN IMPRISONED BY THE QADHAFI GOVERNMENT. COLLINS

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